

# INTERPRETIVE REPORT

## Spy Trial to Set Example

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Soviet officials hope to turn the spy trial of British businessman Greville Wynne and Soviet scientific administrator Oleg Penkovsky into a modern-day morality play, experts here said today.

Mr. Penkovsky's downfall has been widely discussed in Soviet media as an example of what can happen to a good Soviet citizen who tastes the forbidden fruit of "bourgeois ideology."

This is in line with the recent crackdown in the Soviet Union on intellectuals and others who have advocated closer contact with Westerners and Western ideas.

A Communist Party Central Committee meeting scheduled for May 28 is expected to urge even more "vigilance" against jazz, art, and other products of the West which are popular with Soviet citizens.

### Trial Is Open

Experts here noted that the spy case is an "open" one, meaning foreign correspondents and diplomats have been invited, but is not a "show" trial such as the large trials of the 1930s or the espionage trial of U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers.

It is being held in the normal court for such cases—the military collegium of the Supreme Court—rather than in the larger Hall of Columns of the Soviet Trade Union Building where Mr. Penkovsky was convicted. Moreover, advance notice of the trial was published in the Soviet press.

Although the espionage charges against Mr. Wynne and the treason charges against Mr. Penkovsky both carry possible death penalties, most officials here believe the trial of the British businessman and the Soviet scientific administrator will be a regularity of the Soviet legal system.

Mr. Penkovsky, who traveled to the West on Soviet passports at least 10 times last

December, and the indictment read today, Mr. Penkovsky did not practice the proper "vigilance" against Western ideas.

Mr. Penkovsky's fall from grace has been well-documented in the Soviet press. He has been described as being so attracted by the Western style of living that he sold himself to American and British espionage agents.

"He studied not only Morse code, but also Western dances, 'the twist' and 'the Charleston,'" Pravda wrote after his arrest was announced last December. "He closed his eyes and could imagine himself in the intimate darkness of a night club in New York or London."

There has been little men-

tion of Mr. Wynne in the Soviet press recently, principally because the Soviet Union apparently does not want to strain relations with Great Britain any more than necessary, officials here said today. Mr. Wynne was arrested in Hungary last fall and extradited to the Soviet Union for trial.

Mr. Wynne has been accused of being a liaison between Mr. Penkovsky and American and British espionage agents. Pravda has implicated four American Embassy officials. But only one of them, Richard C. Jacob, a secretary-archivist, was expelled.

Two others left for reassignment, and one other, Hugh Montgomery, Embassy security officer, is still in Moscow.